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(1) The Venlo Incident (2) Capt. S.P. Best @ PAYNE-BEST			21 June 1955
PERTINENT INFORMATION			
<p>THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS QUOTED VERBATIM</p> <p>.....</p> <p>The original were amongst papers captured by us. I believe they were part of the <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> papers.</p> <p><u>Report on Interrogation by GIS of Major Stevens and Captain Best of BIS(1939)</u></p> <p>2. The documents were part of papers belonging to Brigadefuehrer <u>Walter SCHELLENBERG</u>.</p> <p>Part II</p> <p>Page 5.</p> <p>Walter <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> @ <u>SCHAEEMEL</u>, one of Himmler's chief intelligence officers and a defendant in the Wilhelmstrasse case at Nuremberg, was identified by a Dutch witness today as the author of the Venlo incident in November 1939 in which two British Officers, Major R.H. Stevens and Captain S.P. Best were kidnapped and taken across the Dutch-German frontier.</p> <p>Jan Lemmers of The Hague, who drove a Dutch Lieutenant Klop and the British Officers to Venlo, and shared their later captivity in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, picked <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> among the 21 defendants in the dock as the man who, under the name of <u>Schaeemmel</u> kept a rendezvous with them near the frontier in November 1939.</p> <p>On <u>SCHELLENBERG</u>'s signal, he declared, they were attacked by gunfire from a party of Germans arriving by car and in the fracas Lt. Klop received wounds from which he later died. The officers were forced into the German car, taken to Berlin, and interrogated and a month later thrown into Sachsenhausen. Lemmers added that Hitler decorated <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> with the Iron Cross for his exploit.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p>			
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